

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Nobuyuki TANAKA **Examiner:** Unassigned
Serial No.: Unassigned **Group Art Unit:** Unassigned
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
ENCRYPTING AND DECRYPTING DATA
USING ENCRYPTING KEY CONTAINED
IN ELECTRONIC WATERMARK **Dated:** January 24, 2002

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 11-317859, dated November 16, 1999, together with English-language Abstract; and
2. Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 11-232779, dated August 27, 1999, together with English-language Abstract.

Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references.

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The relevance of Reference No. 1 has been described in the specification.
Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in
accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,



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